

DUTIES AND POWERS OF INTERIM COMMITTEES

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36-12-3. Interim committees -- Membership -- Purpose -- Meetings and rules.

- (1) There are hereby created interim committees of the Legislature consisting of the members of each house. The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint the members from the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate shall appoint the members from the Senate, each taking into consideration suggestions from the minority party in their respective house.
- (2) The purpose of the committees is to investigate and study matters of legislative concern in the interval between general legislative sessions.
- (3) The interim committees shall meet after adjournment sine die of each general session to organize and to plan study programs. Each committee shall operate under rules established by the Legislature.

36-12-5. Duties of interim committees.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, each interim committee shall:
 - (a) receive study assignments by resolution from the Legislature;
 - (b) receive study assignments from the Legislative Management Committee, created under Section 36-12-6;
 - (c) place matters on its study agenda after requesting approval of the study from the Legislative Management Committee, which request, if not disapproved by the Legislative Management Committee within 30 days of receipt of the request, the interim committee shall consider it approved and may proceed with the requested study;
 - (d) request research reports from the professional legislative staff pertaining to the committee's agenda of study;
 - (e) investigate and study possibilities for improvement in government services within its subject area;
 - (f) accept reports from the professional legislative staff and make recommendations for legislative action with respect to such reports; and

- (g) prepare and recommend to the Legislature a legislative program in response to the committee's study agenda.
- (2)
 - (a) In addition to the duties established pursuant to Subsection (1), the Business and Labor Interim Committee and the Health and Human Services Interim Committee shall:
 - (i) identify provisions in Title 31A, Insurance Code, that impose a mandatory obligation on health insurers with respect to coverage, benefits, or providers that have been in effect for five or more years and have not been reviewed during the previous ten years; and
 - (ii) subject to the direction of the Legislative Management Committee which may divide the provisions between the committees, review the provisions to determine whether the provisions should be continued, modified, or repealed, provided that:
 - (A) any provision in effect for five or more years as of July 1, 2000, shall be reviewed before November 30, 2005; and
 - (B) any provision enacted after July 1, 2000, shall be reviewed on the fifth year after enactment.
 - (b) The review shall include:
 - (i) the estimated fiscal impact of the provision on state and private health insurance; and
 - (ii) the purpose and effectiveness of the provision.
 - (c) The committee may request through, and with the approval of, the audit subcommittee that the legislative auditor general perform, or otherwise assist in the performance of, the review described in Subsection (2)(b).
- (3) Except as otherwise provided by law, reports and recommendations of the interim committees shall be completed and made public prior to any legislative session at which the reports and recommendations are submitted. A copy of the reports and recommendations shall be mailed to each member or member-elect of the Legislature, to each elective state officer, and to the state library.

36-12-11. Interim committees' powers.

Interim committees may:

- (1) administer oaths; and
- (2) issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, books, accounts, documents, any other tangible things, and testimony, by following the procedures contained in Title 36, Chapter 14.